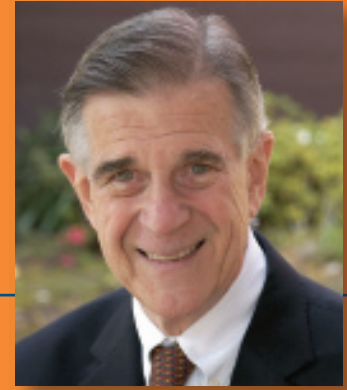


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PETE STARK**



**AT A
TOWN MEETING**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2005

UNION CITY

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Ruggieri Senior Center
33997 Alvarado Niles Road

SAN LEANDRO

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
San Leandro Library
Dave Karp Senior Facility
300 Estudillo Avenue

ALAMEDA

Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Earhart School
Multi-Purpose Room
400 Packet Landing Road



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WHY INSURE 45 MILLION AMERICANS WHEN YOU CAN BUY A FEW EXTRA WARSHIPS?

Everyone understands that when budgets are tight, we must make choices. I disagree with the Administration, Republican Leaders in Congress, and their clearly demonstrated priorities:

- The U.S. Navy requested funds for 4 new ships. Congress upped the ante and gave them 7 new ships for \$12.5 billion.
- The Defense Department's "Star Wars" missile defense program has failed every test-run and many experts contend it is unrealistic as a defense tool. Congressional leaders just agreed to the President's request for \$8.6 billion to continue developing this failed effort.
- The President continues to push a mission to fund a permanent base on the moon and land astronauts on Mars at an estimated cost of more than \$1 billion.

I would rather deliver health insurance to 45 million uninsured Americans, fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act, and help 35 million Americans out of poverty than give the Navy 3 extra ships it never wanted.

IT'S YOUR MONEY, HOW WOULD YOU RATHER IT BE SPENT?

Pete Stark
M.C.
PRESORTED STANDARD



Washington, D.C.
September 2005

Dear Friend:

It has been nearly four years since 9/11. Since then, the Administration has created a Department of Homeland Security, the PATRIOT Act, a color-coded system for alerting Americans to the nation's terror threat level, and nearly \$300 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

While some maintain the Administration's priorities are necessary for our safety, civil rights are being limited and religious intolerance spread. The Administration's policies are trading a claim of security for the promise of limiting our constitutional rights.

I am proud to represent one of the most diverse congressional districts in the country. That is why I'm focusing my town meetings on Saturday, September 10th on the issue of tolerance, civil liberties and Homeland Security. Please join me for this opportunity to discuss these very important issues.

Sincerely,

Pete Stark

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